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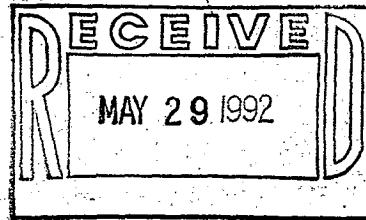
*Ray Erikson
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Dr. Harmon C. McAllister
Research Director
Council for Tobacco Research
900 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022



July 19-23, 1993

Dear Dr. McAllister:

I am writing to request your participation and help in sponsoring a major scientific conference on the roles of protein kinases and phosphatases in cellular signal transduction mechanisms. This meeting, which I will be chairing, is the FASEB Summer Conference on "Protein Kinases" to be held at Copper Mountain, July 18-23, 1993. Dr. Susan Taylor, who has recently led the successful effort in solving the three dimensional structure of the cyclic AMP-dependent protein kinase catalytic subunit, will be serving as Vice-Chair. This Conference on "Protein Kinases" has been sponsored every other year by FASEB and has been one of the most successful of their Summer Conferences. In past years, the conference has brought together international leaders in the field of protein kinases and phosphatases, who have provided outstanding presentations on contemporary problems in cell and molecular biology. I have found this meeting over the last several years to be one of the most stimulating and informative in the area of signal transduction. Susan Taylor and I hope to continue this tradition for the 1993 meeting and need your support to do so.

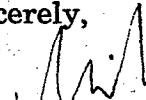
We are now in the early stages of organizing the speakers and session Chairmen for the meeting. I enclose a preliminary outline of the session titles and session Chairs who have agreed to come and speak. Also included are a list of some invited speakers. We have also booked Dr. Philip Cohen of the University of Dundee, Scotland as the Keynote Speaker for the conference. Also anticipated is a distinguished lecture to be presented on Thursday evening. We anticipate the conference will cover structural aspects of protein kinase and phosphatase function, as well as the roles of these signaling proteins in the control of cell proliferation and the cell cycle, transcriptional regulation, cell surface receptor functions, the immune response, developmental biology, and in the nervous system. While this scope is quite broad, particular attention will be paid to common themes and mechanisms that can be gleaned from the study of protein phosphorylation/dephosphorylation in these various systems. Daily poster sessions are planned to enhance scientific exchange among participants from these various fields. We hope this overall strategy will lead to presentations of world class science as well as an informal interactive atmosphere.

I hope your organization will choose to support this exciting conference in the area of cellular signaling mechanisms. Your check can be drafted to the 1993 FASEB Summer Conference on "Protein Kinases" and forwarded directly to the FASEB National Office:

FASEB Summer Research Conference
9650 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20014

Funding by your organization at the level of \$1,000 would be most appreciated. We would be able to accept a scientist from your organization to attend the meeting in response to such support. I thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,


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